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DURING VISIT OF SCHMIDT-KUESTER TO WASHINGTON IN CONNECTION WITH ECG MATTERS, HE DISCUSSED WITH SIEVERING, SCI, CURRENT STATUS S&T-OFFSET PROPOSALS. SCHMIDT-KUESTER ESPECIALLY WANTED TO KNOW HOW JOINT WORK IN COAL GASSIFICATION OR LIQUEFACTION COULD BEGIN UNDER THE OFFSET PROGRAM. WHEN REMINDED THAT THE FRG HAD NOT LISTED PROJECTS IN THESE FIELDS IN THEIR SUGGESTED PROPOSALS, HE REPLIED TO THE EFFECT THAT CURRENT FRG LISTING REFLECTS THE HAND OF THE FINANCE MINISTRY. HOWEVER, THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HAS AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE THAT IF THEY WISH TO PROCEED IN THE FIELDS OF COAL GASSIFICATION AND LIQUEFACTION UNDER THE OFFSET PROGRAM, THEY COULD DO SO USING THE MINISTRY

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OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FUNDS. SCHMIDT-KUESTER

STATED EMPHATICALLY THAT THAT IS WHAT THEY WISH TO
DO AND FROM HIS MINISTRY'S STANDPOINT IT WAS
PREFERABLE THAT HE COMMIT THE FUNDS THIS CALENDAR
YEAR. HE ASKED IF ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE FOR
INITIAL EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS DURING THE WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 23 WHEN HE WILL BE IN THE UNITED STATES
ATTENDING THE WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE. WE ARE EN-
DEAVORING TO SET UP APPROPRIATE MEETING WITH
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